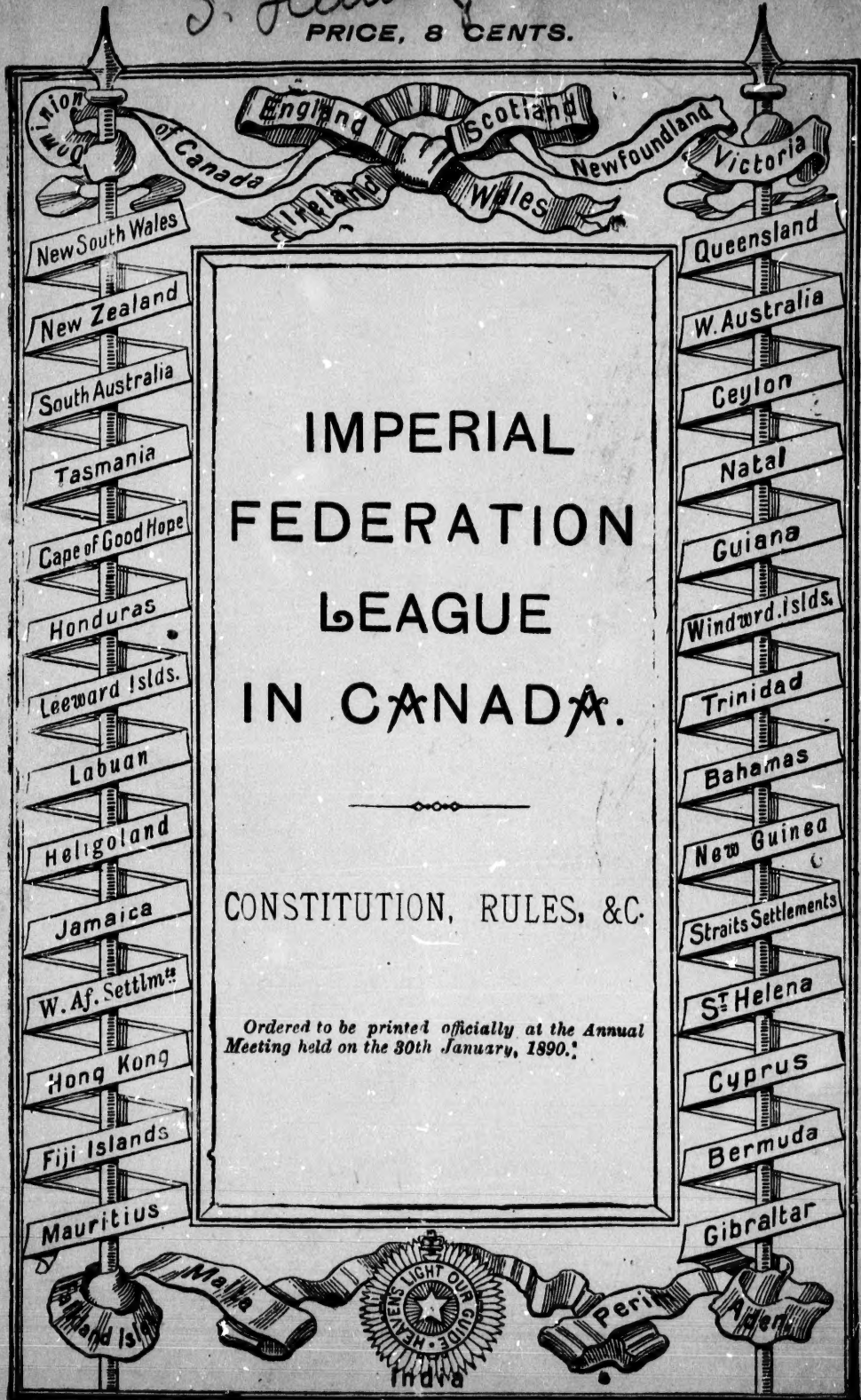


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# Imperial Federation League.

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## Origin of the League.

At a Conference on Imperial Federation held in London on Tuesday, 29th July, 1884, the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P. in the chair, it was unanimously resolved :—

1. That in order to secure the permanent unity of the Empire some form of Federation is essential.
2. That for the purpose of influencing public opinion, both in the United Kingdom and the Colonies, by showing the incalculable advantages which will accrue to the whole Empire from the adoption of such a system of organisation, a society be formed of men of all parties to advocate and support the principle of Federation.
3. That this Conference refers to a Provisional Committee all details connected with the establishment and organization of such a society, for a report thereon to be submitted for the consideration and approval of an adjourned Conference, to be held at a suitable period in the coming autumn.



## Constitution of the League.

At the adjourned Conference, held on Tuesday, 18th November, 1884, the following resolutions were unanimously passed :

1. That a Society be now formed, to be called "The Imperial Federation League."
2. That the object of the League be to secure by Federation the permanent unity of the Empire.
3. That no scheme of Federation should interfere with the existing rights of Local Parliaments as regards local affairs.
4. That any scheme of Imperial Federation should combine on an equitable basis the resources of the Empire for the maintenance of common interests, and adequately provide for an organised defence of common rights.
5. That the League use every constitutional means to bring about the object for which it is formed, and invite the support of men of all political parties.
6. That the membership of the League be open to any British subject who accepts the principles of the League, and pays a yearly registration fee of not less than one shilling.
7. That donations and subscriptions be invited for providing means for conducting the business of the League.
8. That British subjects throughout the Empire be invited to become members, and to form and organise Branches of the League which may place their representatives on the General Committee.

At a meeting of the Council of the League, held on Thursday, 14th Nov., 1889, the following resolution was carried unanimously :—

That the establishment of periodical Conferences of representatives of the self-governing communities of the Empire, should be the first aim of the Imperial Federation League.

## Establishment of the League in Canada.

The Canadian Branch of the League was formed at a large meeting held at Montreal on the 9th May, 1885, when the following resolutions were passed unanimously.

1. That this meeting has observed with satisfaction the increased interest in the outlying portions of the Empire displayed by the people of the Mother Country, and the formation under the auspices of many distinguished practical statesmen of THE IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE.
2. That to the end that the Mother Country and the Colonies may remain perpetually under a common sovereignty, a United Empire in its foreign affairs, with constitutional liberty for every part as regards internal administration, a readjustment of the several constitutional authorities of the Empire should, as occasion arises, be made in such manner as to increase the practical efficiency of Imperial unity.
3. That the resolutions passed at the Conference held in London, on the 29th July, 1884, and at the inaugural meeting of the League on the 18th November, 1884, and notably the following:—

That, in order to secure the permanent unity of the Empire, some form of federation is essential.

That no scheme of federation should interfere with the existing rights of local parliaments, as regards local affairs.

That any scheme of federation should combine on an equitable basis the resources of the Empire for the maintenance of common interests, and adequately provide for an organized defence of common rights.

meet with the hearty acceptance of this meeting.

4. That a Canadian Branch of the League be now formed, to be called THE IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE IN CANADA, and that the object of the League in Canada shall be to promote the discussion of means whereby the permanent unity of the Empire may be maintained, and its practical efficiency increased, to further the development and interchange of the resources of its various parts, and to resist any measures tending to disintegration.
5. That the co-operation of men of all political parties in every part of Canada be sought for the establishment of branches.

At the annual meeting of the League in Canada held at Toronto on Saturday, 24th March, 1888, the following resolution was carried unanimously.

"That the Imperial Federation League in Canada make it one of the objects of their organization to advocate a Trade Policy between Great Britain and her colonies, by means of which a discrimination in the exchange of natural and manufactured products will be made in favour of one another, and against foreign nations.

At a meeting of the Council of the League in Canada held at Toronto on Tuesday, 10th December 1889, a resolution was passed approving of the resolution with regard to the establishment of periodical Conferences of Representatives of the self-governing Communities of the Empire passed at the meeting of the Council of the Parent League, held on Thursday, 14th November, 1889, with the following addition:—

"But this Council would regret that any Conference should be held at which the question of Inter-Imperial and Colonial Trade would not be deemed a subject of first-class importance.

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### **Rules of the League in Canada.**

1. The Officers of the League shall consist of a President, a Vice-President for each Province, a Treasurer and a Secretary who shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Council and all Committees.

2. The affairs of the League shall be conducted by a Council and an Executive Committee thereof.

3. The Branches of the League may appoint representatives to act on the Council, and each Branch may annually appoint one delegate to represent it on the Executive Committee of the Council.

4. An Annual General Meeting of the League will be held in one of the principal cities of Canada at a time and place to be decided on by the Council or its Executive Committee.

5. At every Annual General Meeting the Officers and the Executive Committee of the Council for the ensuing year shall be appointed and representatives shall also be appointed to act for the ensuing year on the Executive Committee of the Council of the League in England.



6. The Executive Committee of the Council shall have power to appoint representatives to act on the Council of the League in England, and shall adopt such means as may be considered advisable to promote the objects of the League. It shall also submit an Annual Report to the Annual General Meeting.

7. Any member desiring to bring forward a motion affecting the principles, constitution or rules of the League at the Annual Meeting, must notify the Secretary by the 1st of January in each year, so that proper notice of such motion may be given to Branch Leagues and members of the Council. The Annual Meeting will be held as soon after that date as possible.

### Formation of Branches.

The following instructions with regard to the Formation of Branches should be observed :—

- 1 A Branch shall consist of not less than 20 enrolled members.
2. Membership of the Branch shall be open to persons of all political parties in its locality
- 3 Applications from any association wishing to be affiliated as a Branch of the League must be accompanied by :—
  - (a) A copy of the resolutions of the association, adopting the principles of the League as expressed in its constitution at page 2.
  - (b) A copy of the resolution of the association expressing a desire for application, and specifying the name by which it desires to be designated as a Branch of the League in Canada.
  - (c) A copy of the rules, if any, by which the association is governed.
- 4 Branch Secretaries should send in reports of their meetings to the Secretary of the League in Canada.

## Rules for Branches.

The following are *Suggested*.

1. The conditions of membership and of fees and subscriptions shall be in accordance with the General Rules of the League in Canada.
2. All fees and subscriptions from members joining the Branch in the first half of the year shall be due and payable in future years on the 1st day of January; those of members joining in the second half of the year shall be due and payable on the 1st day of July.
3. The officers of this Branch shall consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Committee of Members.
4. An Assistant Secretary-Treasurer may be elected at the Annual Meeting or appointed at any time during the year by the Committee if deemed advisable.
5. The Officers of the Branch shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Committee and five members of such committee shall form a quorum.
6. The Committee shall have full authority over the affairs of the Branch, and shall meet when convened by the President, Secretary-Treasurer or by any two of its members.
7. The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect and receive all fees, subscriptions and other monies due to the Branch and make such payments as the Committee shall authorize.  
 He shall carry on all the correspondence of the Branch and transact all its business.  
 He shall have no authority to act except under instructions from the Committee and shall observe the instructions for the guidance of Secretaries of Branches set forth a page 7.  
 He may delegate to the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, if appointed, the performance of all or any of his duties.
8. The Officers and Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch, which shall be held in the month of January of each year or at such other time as the Committee may appoint.



9. A statement of accounts made up to the preceeding 31st day of December and audited in such manner as the Committee may direct, shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting by the Secretary-Treasurer.

10. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the President or by the Committee.

11. At all General Meetings, whether Special or Annual, ten members shall form a quorum and no business shall be brought forward of which seven days' notice has not been mailed to every member of the Branch.

12. A Report of the proceedings and progress of the Branch approved at its annual general meeting shall be forwarded by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Secretary of the League in Canada within seven days after that meeting.

### Instructions for the Guidance of Secretaries of Branches.

1. A numbered receipt should be given from the counterfoil book in all cases of subscriptions.

2. The following is the scale of fees due annually to the Head Office of the League in Canada from Branches: —

For Registration of a Member in Canada,	\$0 25
For Registration of a Member in England and Canada,	0 50
For Registration and supply of "Imperial Federation" for one year,	1 50
For Registration and supply of all the publications of the League in England and Canada, including "Imperial Federation" for one year,	2 50
The remainder of the fees collected, unless otherwise ordered, will be retained for the use of the local branch.	

3. Receipts will be given by the General Treasurer for all remittances from Branches.

4. Names cannot be inscribed upon the General Register of the League until the fees have been received, and it is requested that names be not sent unless accompanied by the fees.

5. Secretaries should endeavor to get good notices of all meetings of the League, and information about its progress elsewhere, inserted in the local newspapers, and send two copies of all such notices to the General Secretary.

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